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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed on June 25, 2008. Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.